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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE EARLY CITY RECORDS.

To the Board of Managers of the Columbia Historical Society:

“The undersigned committee, heretofore appointed by the board, and charged with the duty of examining and reporting upon the documents and papers bearing upon the early history of the District of Columbia, which are now in the possession of the District government, and of further reporting what portion of the same should be published, with an estimate of the cost of such publication, submit the following report, which, owing to the magnitude of our task, is necessarily a partial one.

“Your committee first called upon the Commissioners of the District, informed them of the duty with the performance of which we were charged, and requested that we be permitted to have access to the records in question. They manifested great interest in the matter, promptly granted our request, and have since rendered every aid and assistance in their power to further the object in view.

“These records consist of a large mass of miscellaneous papers and books, in manuscript and in print, which relate to the affairs of the cities of Washington and Georgetown during the period of their municipal existence, and to the affairs of the late Levy Court of the county of Washington, and they were turned over to the District authorities when these bodies were abolished in the year 1871, and a territorial form of government for the entire District was provided, with a governor and legislature, and they passed into the custody of the Commissioners in 1874, when the present form of government by a commission was established.

“The examination of the committee has been confined to such of the records in question as have relation to the former corporation of the city of Washington. In so far as these

records do not consist of bound volumes of manuscript, we have arranged them in bundles in chronological order. They consist of two classes, viz.: Papers connected with the business of the mayor's office and of subordinate offices of the executive branch of the city government, and papers connected with the business of the various city councils.

"From the year 1802, when the first council met under the charter, until the year 1871, when the city ceased to have a separate existence, there were in all sixty-eight councils. They were composed of two bodies, which were originally known as the first and second chambers, and later as the board of aldermen and the board of common council.

"The committee regrets to say that the journals of a number of the boards are missing; of the proceedings of the first sixty councils, the journals of twenty-five of them only are complete; as to twenty-seven of them, the journal of one board only can be found, but in one of these instances, and perhaps in others, the missing journal can be supplied from the files of the *National Intelligencer*; as to five of the councils the journals of both boards are nearly complete, and as to three of them, namely, the first, second and third, the journals of both boards are lacking. As the original act for the incorporation of the city required the keeping by the councils of journals of their proceedings, it is evident that such journals of the first, second and third councils must have had an existence.

"The journals of both boards of the last eight councils were printed and need not be considered. The unprinted records extend over a considerable period of time and cover a great variety of matters. Owing to the fact that they are very voluminous, we have been unable to digest them in detail.

"In them is contained matter showing the origin and illustrating the development of the present police, fire and health departments and of the present public school system of the District, and having a bearing upon a variety of topics otherwise which engaged the attention of the city government and affected the welfare of the city, or were considered to be matters of public concern. Among them may be mentioned the

enterprise projected by the first Commissioners of the city, called the Washington canal, which formerly extended through the city from the mouth of Tiber creek, on the Potomac, at the foot of 17th street, to the Anacostia; the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company and its proposed canal, to the stock of which company the subscriptions of the cities of the District, Washington, Georgetown and Alexandria and of the United States were so large as to give them at one time a controlling interest; the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company; the Long bridge and other bridges; taxation; public markets; the water supply; the improvement of the channels of the Potomac and Anacostia rivers; the construction of the City Hall, now used by the local courts, the register of wills, the recorder of deeds and the surveyor of the District; the visit of Lafayette; the part taken by the city in presidential inaugurations; action taken by it on the deaths of Presidents and on other like occasions; the National Era, the Northern Liberties Market and other riots, &c.

“These records constitute each a single memorial of its kind, and for obvious reasons the next best thing to an original paper is a true copy of the same. In their present condition they are liable to destruction from lapse of time merely, by fire or from other causes, and the printing of them, in addition to supplying copies, would bring to light and make matter of general knowledge, and perhaps rescue from utter oblivion many of the most important and interesting facts in the history of our community.

“The investigations of the committee demonstrate that in the perpetuation in print of its municipal annals the city of Washington has been far behind other cities of its population and relatively of less importance from other standpoints, and impress the committee with the belief that in these days, when so much is being done by American communities generally, by historical societies, by historical magazines and other publications, to perpetuate local records of all kinds, our society should be moving and working with the material at hand in the same direction and to the same end.

“It is the opinion of the committee that the society should

begin by preparing for publication volumes to contain the journals of the council. It is to be regretted, of course, that these journals are not complete, but those which are extant are well worth preserving. The committee believes that the messages of the mayors can be obtained complete from these records and from the files of the *National Intelligencer*, as also important reports of committees of each board, and other papers of interest relating to the city's affairs, and which came for consideration either before the mayor or the council. They can be incorporated in the volumes as appendices to the proceedings of the boards of each council.

"The volumes, properly indexed, when printed would constitute a valuable contribution to our local history. Instances are not wanting where these early records have had an important bearing in the settlement of questions in the courts and in saving large sums of money to the United States and to the District.

"The committee recommends that the society provide for the preparation under its direction and supervision of copies for the printer of the journals of the councils which are extant, with such appendices, and for the printing of the same. A summary of the journals which have been found and of the period of time covered by them is given in an appendix to this report.

"In all, the committee found forty books of council proceedings, which it has marked and numbered from one to forty. Among them there are several duplicates, for which reason the number to be printed is reduced to twenty-seven.

"The committee estimates that each issue of the printed volumes, properly indexed and bound in cloth, will cost not more than \$500.

"In the preparation of the volumes much work will necessarily be done by members of the society, for which, of course, no charge will be made, and this fact has been taken into consideration in the foregoing estimate.

"It is within the knowledge of the committee that material of value in regard to the proceedings of the first three councils, the journals of which, as stated, cannot be found, can be

obtained from the files of the *Intelligencer*, and the committee believes that the break in the continuity of the proceedings can, in a measure, be thus remedied."

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APPENDIX TO THE FOREGOING REPORT.

1ST COUNCIL. Met under the Charter June 14, 1802: The Committee has been unable to find the Journals of the proceedings of either Board of this Council.

The *National Intelligencer* of June 16, 1802, contains the following account of its first meeting:

"On Monday the Council of the City of Washington convened at the Capitol.

"Daniel Carrol of Duddington was chosen Chairman, and John Hewett Secretary, when the members of the Council proceeded agreeably to the Act of Incorporation to ballot for five members to compose the Second Chamber, on counting which the following citizens having the greatest number of votes were declared to form the Second Chamber, Daniel Carrol, Benjamin More, William Prout, John Hewett and James Hoban, who thereupon retired into a separate apartment.

"The First Chamber then elected unanimously by ballot, James Barry President and Nicholas King Secretary, when the oath to support the Constitution was administered individually to the members. After which sundry resolutions were adopted and committees appointed and the Council adjourned to meet the ensuing day at 9 o'clock A. M.

"The Second Chamber met in their apartment and elected Daniel Carrol of Duddington President and John Hewett Secretary."

The Council consisted of twelve members of whom James Barry, George Blagden, Nicholas King, William Brent, Au-

gustus B. Woodward, Samuel H. Smith and Thomas Peter constituted the First Chamber.

2D COUNCIL. Met on June 13, 1803: The Committee has been unable to find the Journals of the proceedings of either Board of this Council.

3D COUNCIL. Met on June 11, 1804: The Committee has been unable to find the Journals of the proceedings of either Board of this Council.

4TH COUNCIL. Board of Common Council met on Monday, June 10, 1805, and adjourned finally on Friday, May 30, 1806.

Journal in manuscript is contained in book marked and numbered by Committee as Vol. 1.

The Committee has been unable to find the Journal of the Board of Aldermen of this Council.

5TH COUNCIL. Board of Common Council met on Monday, June 9, 1806, and adjourned finally on Monday, May 27, 1807. Journal in manuscript is contained in said Vol. 1.

The Committee has been unable to find the Journal of the Board of Aldermen for this Council.

6TH COUNCIL. Board of Common Council met on Monday, June 8, 1807, and adjourned finally on Friday, June 3, 1808. Journal in manuscript is contained in book marked and numbered by Committee as Vol. 2.

The Committee has been unable to find the Journal of the Board of Aldermen of this Council.

7TH COUNCIL. Board of Common Council met on Monday, June 13, 1808, and adjourned finally on Friday, June 2, 1809. Journal in manuscript is contained in said Vol. 2.

The Committee has been unable to find the Journal of the Board of Aldermen of this Council.

8TH COUNCIL. Board of Common Council met on Monday, June 12, 1809, and adjourned finally on Saturday, June 2, 1810. Journal in manuscript is contained in said Vol. 2.

Board of Aldermen met on Monday, June 12, 1809, and adjourned finally on Saturday, June 2, 1810. Journal in manuscript is contained in book marked and numbered by Committee as Vol. 3.

The Journals of both Boards of this Council are complete.

9TH COUNCIL. Board of Common Council met on Monday, June 10, 1810, and adjourned on Monday, June 9, 1811, to the first Monday in July, 1811. Incomplete as to proceedings at adjourned meeting. Journal in manuscript is contained in said Vol. 2.

Board of Aldermen met on Monday, June 10, 1810, and adjourned on Monday, June 9, 1811, to first Monday in July, 1811. Incomplete as to proceedings at adjourned meeting. Journal in manuscript is contained in book marked and numbered by the Committee as Vol. 3.

The Journals of both Boards of this Council for the same period are complete, but are in part lacking as to both Boards.

10TH COUNCIL. Board of Aldermen met on Monday, June 8, 1812, and adjourned finally on Monday, May 31, 1813. Journal in manuscript is contained in book marked and numbered by Committee as Vol. 5.

The Committee has been unable to find the Journal of the Board of Common Council of this Council.

11TH COUNCIL. Board of Aldermen met Monday, June 14, 1813, and adjourned finally on Thursday, June 9, 1814. Journal in manuscript is contained in said Vol. 5.

Board of Common Council met pursuant to adjournment on Wednesday, September 22, 1813, and adjourned finally on Saturday, June 11, 1814. Journal in manuscript is contained in book marked and numbered by the Committee as Vol. 4.

The Journals of this Council are incomplete as to the proceedings of the Board of Common Council from June 14, 1813, to September 22, 1813.

12TH COUNCIL. Board of Aldermen met on Monday, June 13, 1814, and adjourned finally on Wednesday, May 10, 1815. Journal in manuscript is contained in said Vol. 5.

Board of Common Council met on Monday, June 13, 1814, and adjourned finally on Wednesday, May 10, 1815.

The Journals of both Boards of this Council are complete.

13TH COUNCIL. Board of Aldermen met on Monday, June

12, 1815, and adjourned finally on Monday, May 17, 1816. Journal in manuscript is contained in said Vol. 5.

Board of Common Council met on Monday, June 12, 1815, and adjourned finally on Monday, May 27, 1816. Journal in manuscript is contained in book marked and numbered by Committee as Vol. 4.

The Journals of both Boards of this Council are complete.

14TH COUNCIL. Board of Aldermen met on Monday, June 16, 1816, and adjourned finally on Monday, May 26, 1817. Journal in manuscript is contained in said Vol. 4.

The Journals of both Boards of this Council are complete.

15TH COUNCIL. Board of Aldermen met on Monday, June 9, 1817, and adjourned finally on Wednesday, May 20, 1818. Journal in manuscript is contained in said Vol. 5.

Board of Common Council met on Monday, June 9, 1817; from this date to and including Thursday, June 26, 1817, the manuscript Journal of its proceedings is contained in said Vol. 4.

From Friday, June 27, 1817, to and including Wednesday, May 20, 1818, when the Board adjourned finally, the manuscript Journal of its proceedings is contained in the book marked and numbered by the Committee as Vol. 6.

The Journals of both Boards of this Council are complete.

16TH COUNCIL. Board of Aldermen met on Monday, June 11, 1818, and adjourned finally Wednesday, May 12, 1819. Journal in manuscript is contained in said Vol. 5.

Board of Common Council met on Monday, June 8, 1818, and adjourned finally on Wednesday, May 12, 1819. Journal in manuscript is contained in the said Vol. 6.

The Journals of both Boards of this Council are complete.

The date, June 11, given as that of the first meeting of the Board of Aldermen is an error; it should be June 8.

17TH COUNCIL. Board of Aldermen met on Monday, June 14, 1819, and adjourned finally on Tuesday, May 20, 1820. Journal in manuscript is contained in book marked and numbered by the Committee as Vol. 7.

Board of Common Council met on Monday, June 14, 1819, and adjourned finally on Tuesday, May 20, 1821. Journal in manuscript is contained in said Vol. 6.

The Journals of both Boards of this Council are complete.

18TH COUNCIL. Board of Aldermen met on Monday, June 12, 1820, and adjourned finally on Friday, May 18, 1821. Journal in manuscript is contained in said Vol. 7.

The Committee has been unable to find the Journal of the Board of Common Council of this Council.

19TH COUNCIL. Board of Aldermen met on Monday, June 11, 1821, and adjourned finally on Wednesday, October 24, 1821. Journal in manuscript is contained in said Vol. 7.

The Board of Aldermen met "pursuant to a notification from the Mayor" on Thursday, December 21, 1821, and adjourned *sine die* on Saturday, May 18, 1822. Journal in manuscript of this, which seems to have been a special session, is contained in book marked and numbered by the Committee as Vol. 8.

The Committee has been unable to find the Journals of the Board of Common Council for either of these sessions.

20TH COUNCIL. Board of Aldermen met on Monday, June 10, 1822, and adjourned finally on Friday, May 23, 1823. Journal in manuscript is contained in said Vol. 8.

The Committee has been unable to find the Journal of the Board of Common Council of this Council.

21ST COUNCIL. Board of Aldermen met on Monday, June 9, 1823, and adjourned finally on Friday, June 4, 1824. Journal in manuscript is contained in said Vol. 8.

The Committee has been unable to find the Journal of the Board of Common Council of this Council.

22D COUNCIL. Board of Aldermen met on Monday, June 14, 1824, and adjourned finally on Monday, May 23, 1825. Journal in manuscript is contained in said Vol. 8.

The Journal in manuscript of the proceedings of the Board of Common Council from Monday, March 14, 1825, to and including Monday, May 23, 1825, when the Board adjourned

sine die, is contained in the book marked and numbered by the Committee as Vol. 11.

The Committee has been unable to find the Journal of the proceedings of the Board of Common Council from June 14, 1824, to March 14, 1825; in this respect the Journals for this Council are incomplete.

23D COUNCIL. Board of Aldermen met on Monday, June 13, 1825, and adjourned finally on Thursday, June 1, 1826. Journal in manuscript is contained in book marked and numbered by the Committee as Vol. 9.

Board of Common Council met on Monday, June 13, 1825, and adjourned finally on Thursday, June 1, 1826.

The Journals of both Boards of this Council are complete.

24TH COUNCIL. Board of Aldermen met on Monday, June 12, 1826, and adjourned finally on Thursday, May 31, 1827. Journal in manuscript is contained in said Vol. 9.

Board of Common Council met on Monday, June 12, 1826, and adjourned finally on Thursday, May 31, 1827. Journal in manuscript is contained in book marked and numbered by the Committee as Vol. 11.

The Journals of both Boards of this Council are complete.

25TH COUNCIL. Board of Aldermen met on Monday, June 11, 1827: Journal in manuscript of proceedings to March 10, 1828, is contained in said Vol. 9.

Board met again on Monday, May 12, 1828, and adjourned May 21, 1828. Journal in manuscript is contained in book marked and numbered by the Committee as Vol. 10.

The Journal of the proceedings of the Board is lacking for the interval beginning on March 10, 1828, and ending on May 12, 1828.

The Board of Common Council met on Monday, June 11, 1827, and adjourned on Friday, July 27, 1827. Journal in manuscript is contained in said Vol. 11.

The Board met again on Monday, July 30, 1827, and adjourned finally on Monday, May 21, 1828. Journal in manuscript is contained in book marked and numbered by the Committee as Vol. 12.

The Journals of both Boards of this Council are complete except as to interval in proceedings of Board of Aldermen from March 10 to May 12, 1828.

26TH COUNCIL. Board of Aldermen met on Monday, June 9, 1828, and adjourned finally on Saturday, May 30, 1829. Journal in manuscript is contained in said Vol. 12.

Board of Common Council met on Monday, June 9, 1828, and adjourned finally on Saturday, May 30, 1829. Journal in manuscript is contained in said Vol. 12.

The Journals of both Boards of this Council are complete.

27TH COUNCIL. Board of Aldermen met on Monday, June 8, 1829, and adjourned finally on Monday, May 31, 1830. Journal in manuscript is contained in said Vol. 10.

Board of Common Council met on Monday, June 8, 1829, and adjourned finally on Friday, May 31, 1830. Journal in manuscript is contained in said Vol. 12.

The Journals of both Boards of this Council are complete.

28TH COUNCIL. Board of Aldermen met on Monday, June 14, 1830, from which date to and including March 28, 1831, the Journal in manuscript is contained in said Vol. 10.

The Journal of the proceedings of the Board from March 28, 1828, to and including June 3, 1831, is lacking.

Board of Common Council met on Monday, June 14, 1830, and adjourned finally on Friday, June 3, 1831. Journal in manuscript is contained in book marked and numbered as Vol. 13.

29TH COUNCIL. Board of Common Council met on Monday, June 13, 1831, and adjourned finally on Tuesday, May 25, 1832. Journal in manuscript is contained in said Vol. 13.

The Committee has been unable to find the Journal of the Board of Aldermen of this Council.

30TH COUNCIL. Board of Common Council met on Monday, June 11, 1832, and adjourned finally on Saturday, June 1, 1833. Journal in manuscript is contained in book marked and numbered by the Committee as Vol. 14.

The Committee has been unable to find the Journal of the Board of Aldermen of this Council.

31ST COUNCIL. Board of Aldermen met on Monday, June 10, 1833, and adjourned *sine die* on Saturday, May 30, 1834. The Board met on the call of the Mayor on Saturday, June 7, 1834, and on same day adjourned *sine die*. Journal in manuscript is contained in book marked and numbered by the Committee as Vol. 15.

Board of Common Council met on Monday, June 10, 1833, and finally adjourned on Saturday, May 30, 1834. Journal in manuscript is contained in said Vol. 14.

The Journals of both Boards of this Council are complete.

32D COUNCIL. Board of Aldermen met on Monday, June 9, 1834, and adjourned finally on Monday, May 25, 1835. Journal in manuscript is contained in said Vol. 15.

Board of Common Council met on Monday, June 9, 1834, and adjourned finally on Monday, May 25, 1835. Journal in manuscript is contained in said Vol. 14.

The Journals of both Boards of this Council are complete.

33D COUNCIL. Board of Aldermen met on Monday, June 8, 1835, and adjourned finally on Monday, May 30, 1836. Journal in manuscript is contained in said Vol. 15.

The Committee has been unable to find the Journal of the Board of Common Council of this Council.

34TH COUNCIL. Board of Aldermen met on Monday, June 13, 1836, and adjourned finally on Monday, May 29, 1837. Journal in manuscript is contained in said Vol. 15.

The Committee has been unable to find the Journal of the Board of Common Council of this Council.

35TH COUNCIL. Board of Aldermen met on Monday, June 12, 1837, and adjourned finally on Monday, May 28, 1838. Journal in manuscript is contained in said Vol. 15.

The Committee has been unable to find the Journal of the Board of Common Council of this Council.

36TH COUNCIL. Board of Aldermen met on Monday, June 11, 1838, and adjourned finally on Monday, May 27, 1839.

Journal in manuscript is contained in book marked and numbered by the Committee as Vol. 16.

The Committee has been unable to find the Journal of the Board of Common Council of this Council.

37TH COUNCIL. Board of Aldermen met on Monday, June 10, 1839, and adjourned finally on Wednesday, May 27, 1840. Journal in manuscript is contained in said Vol. 16.

The Committee has been unable to find the Journal of the Board of Common Council of this Council.

38TH COUNCIL. Board of Aldermen met on Monday, June 8, 1840, and adjourned finally on Monday, May 31, 1841. Journal in manuscript is contained in said Vol. 16.

The Committee has been unable to find the Journal of the Board of Common Council of this Council.

39TH COUNCIL. Board of Aldermen met on Monday, June 14, 1841, and adjourned finally on Monday, May 30, 1842. Journal in manuscript is contained in said Vol. 16.

The Committee has been unable to find the Journal of the Board of Common Council of this Council.

40TH COUNCIL. Board of Aldermen met on Monday, June 13, 1842, and adjourned finally on Monday, May 29, 1843. Journal in manuscript is contained in said Vol. 16.

The Committee has been unable to find the Journal of the Board of Common Council of this Council.

41ST COUNCIL. Board of Aldermen met on Monday, June 12, 1843, and adjourned finally on Monday, May 27, 1844. Journal in manuscript is contained in book marked and numbered by the Committee as Vol. 17.

The Committee has been unable to find the Journal of the Board of Common Council of this Council.

42D COUNCIL. Board of Aldermen met on Monday, June 10, 1844, and adjourned finally on Monday, May 26, 1845. Journal in manuscript is contained in said Vol. 17.

The Committee has been unable to find the Journal of the Board of Common Council of this Council.

43D COUNCIL. Board of Aldermen met on Monday, June

9, 1845, and adjourned finally on Monday, May 25, 1846. Journal in manuscript is contained in said Vol. 17.

The Committee has been unable to find the Journal of the Board of Common Council of this Council.

44TH COUNCIL. Board of Aldermen met on Monday, June 8, 1846, and adjourned finally on Monday, May 31, 1847. Journal in manuscript is contained in book marked and numbered by the Committee as Vol. 18.

The Committee has been unable to find the Journal of the Board of Common Council of this Council.

45TH COUNCIL. Board of Aldermen met on Monday, June 14, 1847, and adjourned finally on Monday, May 29, 1848. Journal in manuscript is contained in said Vol. 18.

The Committee has been unable to find the Journal of the Board of Common Council of this Council.

46TH COUNCIL. Board of Aldermen met on Monday, June 12, 1848, and adjourned finally on Monday, May 28, 1849. Journal in manuscript is contained in said Vol. 18.

The Committee has been unable to find the Journal of the Board of Common Council of this Council.

47TH COUNCIL. Board of Aldermen met on Monday, June 11, 1849, and adjourned finally on Monday, May 27, 1850.

Journal in manuscript is contained in book marked and numbered by the Committee as Vol. 19.

A duplicate of this Journal in print, from the *National Intelligencer*, is contained in book marked and numbered by the Committee as Vol. 20.

Board of Common Council met on Monday, June 11, 1849, and adjourned on Monday, May 27, 1850. This is a duplicate of the manuscript Journal taken from the *National Intelligencer*; it is moth-eaten and much of it is destroyed; it can, however, be made complete from the files of the newspaper. It is contained in said Vol. 20.

The Committee has been unable to find the manuscript Journal of the Board of Common Council of this Council.

The Journals of this Council can therefore be made complete.

48TH COUNCIL. Board of Aldermen met on Monday, June 10, 1850, and adjourned finally on Monday, May 26, 1851. Journal in manuscript is contained in said Vol. 19.

Board of Common Council met on Monday, June 10, 1850, and adjourned finally on Monday, May 26, 1850. Journal in manuscript is contained in book marked and numbered as Vol. 21.

The Journals of both Boards of this Council are complete.

49TH COUNCIL. Board of Aldermen met on Monday, June 9, 1851, and adjourned finally on Monday, May 31, 1852. Journal in manuscript is contained in said Vol. 19.

Board of Common Council met on Monday, June 9, 1851, and finally adjourned on Monday, May 31, 1852. Journal in manuscript is contained in book marked and numbered by the Committee as Vol. 21.

The Journals of both Boards of this Council are complete.

50TH COUNCIL. Board of Aldermen met on Monday, June 14, 1852, and adjourned finally on Friday, June 3, 1853. Journal in manuscript is contained in book marked and numbered by the Committee as Vol. 22.

The Committee has been unable to find the manuscript Journal of the Board of Common Council of this Council.

51ST COUNCIL. Board of Aldermen met on Monday, June 13, 1853, and adjourned finally on Thursday, June 1, 1854. Journal in manuscript is contained in said Vol. 22.

The Committee has been unable to find the manuscript Journal of the Board of Common Council of this Council.

52D COUNCIL. Board of Aldermen met on Monday, June 12, 1854, and adjourned finally on Monday, May 28, 1855. Journal in manuscript is contained in book marked and numbered by the Committee as Vol. 24.

A duplicate of this Journal in print from the *National Intelligencer* is contained in book marked and numbered by the Committee as Vol. 23.

Board of Common Council met on Monday, June 12, 1854, and adjourned finally on Monday, May 28, 1855. Journal in

manuscript is contained in book marked and numbered by the Committee as Vol. 25.

A duplicate of this Journal in print from the *National Intelligencer* is contained in said Vol. 23.

The Journals of both Boards of this Council are complete.

53^D COUNCIL. Board of Aldermen met on Monday, June 11, 1855, and adjourned finally on Monday, May 26, 1856. Journal of Board in manuscript is contained in book marked and numbered by the Committee as Vol. 24.

Board of Common Council met on Monday, June 11, 1855, and adjourned finally on Monday, May 26, 1853. Journal in manuscript is contained in book marked and numbered by the Committee as Vol. 25.

Duplicates of the proceedings of both Boards of this Council, in print from the *National Intelligencer*, are contained in the book marked and numbered by the Committee as Vol. 26.

The Journals of both Boards of this Council are complete.

54TH COUNCIL. Board of Common Council met on Monday, June 9, 1856, and adjourned finally on Monday, May 25, 1857. Journal in manuscript is contained in book marked and numbered by the Committee as Vol. 27.

Board of Aldermen met on Monday, June 9, 1856, and adjourned finally on Monday, May 25, 1857. Duplicate of Journal in print from *National Intelligencer* is contained in book marked and numbered by the Committee as Vol. 28.

The Committee has been unable to find the manuscript Journal of the Board of Aldermen of this Council.

The Journals of both boards of this Council are complete, partly in manuscript and partly in print.

Mem. In Vol. 26 are contained the proceedings of the 1st Session of the 54th Council in print from the *Intelligencer*, as to both Boards.

In Vol. 30 are contained the proceedings in print from the *Intelligencer* of both Boards of same Council.

55TH COUNCIL. Board of Aldermen met on Monday, June 8, 1857, and adjourned finally on Thursday, June 3, 1858.

Duplicate in print from *Intelligencer* is contained in book marked and numbered by the Committee as Vol. 31.

Board of Common Council met on Monday, June 8, 1857, and adjourned finally on Thursday, June 3, 1858. Duplicate of Journal in print from *Intelligencer* is contained in said Vol. 31.

In book marked and numbered by the Committee Vol. 43 are contained the proceedings in print from the *Intelligencer* of both Boards.

The Committee has been unable to find the manuscript Journals of either Board of this Council.

The Journals of both Boards of this Council are complete in print.

56TH COUNCIL. Board of Common Council met on Monday, June 14, 1858, and adjourned finally on Thursday, June 2, 1859. Journal in manuscript is contained in book marked and numbered by the Committee as Vol. 29.

Duplicates of the Journals of the proceedings of both Boards are contained in the book marked and numbered by the Committee as Vol. 31, and are also contained in the book marked and numbered by the Committee as Vol. 32.

The Committee has been unable to find the manuscript Journal of the Board of Aldermen of this Council.

The Journals of both Boards of the 56th Council are complete in print.

57TH COUNCIL. Board of Aldermen met on Monday, June 13, 1857, and finally adjourned on Monday, May 28, 1858. Journal in manuscript is contained in book marked and numbered by the Committee as Vol. 33.

Board of Common Council met on Monday, June 13, 1857, and finally adjourned Monday, May 28, 1858. Journal in manuscript is contained in book marked and numbered as Vol. 34.

Duplicates of the Journals of both Boards in print from the *National Intelligencer* are contained in book marked and numbered by the Committee as Vol. 31, and are also contained in book marked and numbered by the Committee as Vol. 35.

The Journals of both Boards are complete in manuscript and in print.

58TH COUNCIL. Board of Aldermen met on Monday, June 11, 1860, and adjourned finally on Thursday, May 30, 1861. Journal in manuscript is contained in book marked and numbered by the Committee as Vol. 38.

The Committee has been unable to find the manuscript Journal of the Board of Common Council of this Council.

Duplicates of the Journals of both Boards are contained in the book marked and numbered by the Committee as Vol. 36; the same are also contained in the book marked and numbered by the Committee as Vol. 37.

The Journals of both Boards of this Council are complete in print; manuscript Journal of Board of Common Council is lacking.

59TH COUNCIL. Board of Aldermen met on Monday, June 10, 1861, and adjourned finally on Monday, May 26, 1862. Journal in manuscript is contained in book marked and numbered by the Committee as Vol. 39.

The Committee has been unable to find the manuscript Journal of the Board of Common Council of this Council; and there is no duplicate in print from the *Intelligencer*; the lacking Journal can be supplied, however, from the files of that newspaper.

The Journals of both Boards can therefore be made complete.

60TH COUNCIL. Board of Aldermen met on Monday, June 9, 1862, and adjourned finally on Friday, May 29, 1863. Journal in manuscript is contained in book marked and numbered by the Committee as Vol. 40.

The Committee has been unable to find the manuscript Journal of the Board of Common Council of this Council.

Duplicates of the proceedings of both Boards are contained in book marked and numbered by the Committee as Vol. 41.

The Journals of both Boards of this Council are complete in print; manuscript Journal of Board of Common Council is lacking.

RECAPITULATION.

The Journals of both Boards of the following Councils are either complete or can be made so, viz.:

8th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 23d, 24th, 26th, 27th, 31st, 32d, 47th, 48th, 49th, 52d, 53d, 54th, 55th, 56th, 57th, 58th, 59th and 60th.....25

The Journals of both Boards of the following Councils are nearly complete, viz.:

9th, 11th, 22d, 25th and 28th..... 5

The Journals of one of the Boards of the following Councils are lacking, viz.:

4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 10th, 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st, 29th, 30th, 33d, 34th, 35th, 36th, 37th, 38th, 39th, 40th, 41st, 42d, 43d, 44th, 45th, 46th, 50th and 51st.....27

The Journals of both Boards of the following Councils are lacking, viz.:

1st, 2d and 3d..... 3

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